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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for advertising child pornography.

Robert L. Miller, 52, of St. Joseph, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 24, 2005, **Miller** pleaded guilty to posting a notice on the Internet between Nov. 25, 2003, and Jan. 2, 2004, offering to exchange, produce, display, distribute and reproduce child pornography. **Miller** admitted that he posted images of child pornography to Yahoo! groups that predominantly featured child pornography, including a video clip.

Investigators discovered more than 1,700 images and 15 videos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct on **Miller's** home computer, Graves said. Investigators also found more than 4,000 images of child pornography that were stored on 96 3.5-inch disks and 50 CDs, including numerous images of children engaged in acts of sadistic and masochistic behavior, and an additional 10,000 images that constitute child erotica.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia Phillips. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html
